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- 1. Preparatory Work The secretary of the Central Party Directorate of the Ministry, Comrade Boettger (fnu), was personally commissioned by the Grundstoff-industrie Department of the SED Central Committee (Comrade Schweiseinger-fnu) to organize the political work in the Ministry's stands at the Fair by developing party groups. State Secretary Richard Goschuetz, Rudolf Ramolla head of the Central Cadre Department, the heads of all Main Administrations and cadre departments were drawn into the organizational preparations and selection of cadres. Working with them continually were the members of the Party Directorate, Drohla (fnu) and Wichmann (fnu). The brief time available for this work about three weeks was the cause of some of the shortcomings. All in all, the preparations for the Fair made by the Main Administrations, the plant directors and the heads of the plant Party organizations were inadequate.
- 2. Evaluation of Party Work During the Fair From 26 February to 9 March, two representatives of the Central Party Directorate were always on duty at the Fair. Boettger and Karl-Heins Schaefer alternated with Drohl and Wichmann in this function. Five Party groups were organised, which were stationed in the Ringmessehaus, in the Dresdner Hof, in Bugra-Haus, and in Halls III and IX. Each group was headed by a secretary and one or two deputies. Party organisation at the exhibit stands fell to these groups.
- b) The course of Party work was obstructed by the fact that information concerning Party membership of stand personnel was only partially available. At the exhibits of the chemical industry, for example, many Party members did not wear their Party badges for so-called tactical reasons and thus could not be recognized without inquiries. This situation was never completely remedied. Comrades from the VEB Asbest-Werk Dresden had instructions from the plant director and the cadre head not to wear Party badges at the stands the East German Government, not the Party, was to be in the forefront. This false viewpoint resulted in poor political work in the tire pavils throughout the Fair.
- c) With few exceptions, the economic functionaries present supported the Party's work. Such exceptions were Comrade Willi Salser, technical head of the Main Administration

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for the Iron Industry, and Comrade Niestroy (fnu), head of the Steel Output Department of the same Main Administration, who were uninterested in political work and had taken off their badges as State functionaries.

- d) Vigilance during the first few days of the Fair left much to be desired. At some stands, confidential information was given to unknown persons without any identification being requested. Several spot checks conducted by the Party to illustrate this situation led to better vigilance. Party colleagues organized protection for surrounding guest exhibitors.
- 3. Economic Activity Trading activity increased from day to day until about the seventh day of the Fair. While technical consultations at the stands proceeded smoothly, there were many instances where the DIA branch offices performed unsatisfactory trade-political work because of inadequate factual knowledge.

b) Chief interest centered about the following products:	
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General inquiries - graphite products and pottery material for fireproof indu	itry
Chemicals	
People's Democracies - perlon yarn	
Foreign countries in general - polyethylene, Bookydhars, rust protectives, Piacryl-products, soft and hard Cell-PVC, Ekalon and hunting ammunition	w
Poland high-grade black ink for offset and book printing, intaglio printing inks, colored book and offset printing inks.	25X1
Evaluation of the Ministry's Own work - Lith few exceptions, the is istry's products were noted not only in their display but also in their good quality a d wide	
assortments. Exceptions were to be found in some establishments of the metallurgical	
industry where individual display pieces of poor quality, and even quite rusted-were	
sent to Laipzig (1.e. Maxhuette-Unterwellenborn, Kupfer- und Blechwalzwerk Tisenburg,	
alzwerk "Willi Bocker", Kirchmoeser.) The exhibition personnel from Eisenhuetten-	
work Thale must be censured for allowing their stand in Hall III to become so dirty	25X <sup>2</sup>
that a exhibitor complained to the hall management.	25/
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- 5. Final Conclusions To promote the principle of personal responsibility, the Party recommended to the Manister and his deputies that the plant directors be made personally responsible for the form of their exhibits, and that the maintenance of the collective character of the exhibition be organized through a central staff under orders of the Madistry.
- b) The Farty considered a further decrease in the number of pieces exhibited to be in order, perticularly in the collective stands for metallurgy. In this commection, installing revolving towers and advertising in lights would put more life into the exhibits and would bring them up to the general level.
- c) Calling all representatives of the plants together on the opening day and having a leading economic functionary explain to them the chief tasks of the Fair proved to be most useful. The  $P_2$ rty Directorate recommended to the SED Central Committee that the government make this method obligatory in the future.

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